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FM AMEMBASSY TEGUCIGALPA  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 325

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E.O. 11652: NA

TAGS: PINT, HO

SUBJ: LIBERAL PARTY LEADER TO VISIT U.S.

REF (A) STATE 47799, (B) 77 TEGUCIGALPA 5573

1. MODESTO RODAS ALVARADO, LEADER OF ONE FACTION IN THE LIBERAL PARTY (PLH) AND DR. ROBERTO SUAZO CORDOBA, PRESIDENT OF THE PLH CENTRAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE WERE RECENTLY ISSUED TOURIST VISAS FOR A VISIT TO THE UNITED STATES. INACCURATE PRESS REPORTS STATED RODAS, A POTENTIAL PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE, HAD BEEN INVITED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE AND IMPLIED HE WAS A LEADER GRANTEE.

2. PLH MAY HAVE PRESENTED STORY TO PRESS AS AN INVITATION IN VIEW OF LETTER DATED MARCH 9, 1978, FROM AMBASSADOR JARAMILLO TO PLH MAKING POINTS NOTED REF (A).

3. EMBASSY HAS NOT BEEN IN CONTACT WITH RODAS OR SUAZO REGARDING THIS VISIT, AND THEY HAVE ALREADY LEFT. IF THEY DO SHOW UP IN WASHINGTON AND ASK TO MEET WITH DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS, EMBASSY RECOMMENDS THEY BE RECEIVED, INCLUDING BY ASSISTANT SECRETARY TODMAN IF POSSIBLE. HOWEVER, AS THEY DID NOT ASK US HERE FOR APPOINTMENTS, THERE MAY NOT BE SUFFICIENT TIME TO SCHEDULE THEM.

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4. COMMENT: PORTRAYAL OF RODAS/SUAZO VISIT TO US AS BEING AT STATE DEPARTMDNT INVITATION IS INCORRECT, EXCEPT IN SENSE THAT

HE WAS INVITED TO DISCUSS HIS VIEWS SHOULD HE VISIT WASHINGTON. AS HONDURAS ENTERS A PRE-ELECTORAL PERIOD, ATTEMPTS SUCH AS THIS APPARENTLY IS, TO SHOW SOME USG ENDORSEMENT CAN BE EXPECTED

TO INCREASE OUR POLICY, DESCRIBED BY GOALS AND OBJECTIVES  
(A-12) IS TO EXPRESS SUPPORT FOR HONDURAS' PLANNED RETURN TO  
CONSTITUTIONAL RULE WHILE AVOIDING BEING DRAWN INTO PARTISAN  
POLITICAL ACTIVITIES. SURPRISINGLY, REACTION FROM OTHER  
POLITICAL PARTIES HAS BEEN SUBDUEDED PROBABLY BECAUSE THEY  
RECOGNIZE THE PLOY AND MOST OTHER LEADERS ARE FAMILIAR WITH  
LEADER GRANT PROGRAM AND DO NOT TAKE IT AMISS THAT (AS THEY  
APPARENTLY BELIEVE) IT IS RODAS' TURN.

JARAMILLO

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